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SUBJ: URGENT VEGETABLE OIL REQUIREMENT

1. SUB-SECRETARY ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED CHARGE AT REQUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER, STATING PERU'S SUPPLIES VEGETABLE OIL WOULD BE EXHAUSTED BY DECEMBER 31 AND REQUESTING IMMEDIATE SALE OF 14,000 TONS OF SOYOIL.

2. ADCM AND AGATTACHE WERE LATER CALLED TO OFFICE OF MINISTER COMMERCE WHO URGENTLY REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING UP TO 14,000 M.T. DEGUMMED SOYOIL FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.

3. GOB ORGANIZATION ENCI CALLED TENDERS DECEMBER 13 FOR 9-14 THOUSAND M.T. SOYBEAN OIL BUT RECEIVED OFFER FROM ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL FIRMS REPRESENTED. THERE ALSO DOUBT WHETHER ANY OF THE RESULTING 7000 M.T. NOW BEING CONTRACTED FOR DECEMBER 16-JANUARY 15 SHIPMENT (PROBABLY FROM EUROPEAN PORT) CAN ARRIVE IN TIME TO PREVENT EDIBLE OIL SHORTAGE IN MARKET.

4. U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVES ADVISE THAT SOYOIL SUPPLIES VERY TIGHT AND ALSO THAT ECUADOR AND CHILE NEED IMPORTS. THUS, THERE NO POSSIBILITY GETTING OIL DIVERTED FROM THESE COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH MINISTRY COMMERCE ALSO CHECKING WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA.

5. MINISTER SAYS NEED IS SO URGENT THAT HE WILL AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ANY AMOUNT AVAILABLE UP TO 14,000 M.T. AND STATES THAT 3 PERUVIAN SHIPS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN GULF AREA.

6. EMBASSY OFFICERS STATED DESIRE TO HELP, IF POSSIBLE. IF USDA KNOWS OF ANY AVAILABILITY SOYOIL FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT OR LOADING BEFORE END OF DECEMBER, PLEASE ADVISE. BARNEBEY

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